



Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation raises more than \$550,000 for area nonprofits

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (March 12, 2018) –The Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation held their most profitable fundraiser yet, exceeding last year’s total by over \$140,000 and raising more than \$550,000 for nine area nonprofit organizations.

“The Shadow Wood community opened up their hearts and wallets to help our neighbors in need.” said Tim McAuliff, trustee of the Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation. “We can’t thank everyone enough for their support and trust in our mission.”

Bonita Springs Assistance Office; Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties; Café of Life; Interfaith Charities of South Lee; Feeding the 5000; Literacy Councils of Gulf Coast; Friends of the Salvation Army; New Horizons of SWFL; and the Shadow Wood Scholarship Fund will receive proceeds raised from the event and the Foundation’s November charitable dinner dance.

More than 200 people were in attendance for the sold-out February event held that featured golf, a raffle, dinner and both silent and live auctions at Shadow Wood Country Club, continuing a tradition established in 2003.

The live auction featured tickets for the Tonight Show and pop artist P!NK live on tour; an intimate in-home four course dinner prepared by Shadow Wood Country Club’s Executive Chef Richard Crisanti; and a private preserve African safari for four. The safari sold for \$38,000, which was the starting bid in the Dutch-style auction in which prices start high and are dropped successively until a bidder accepts the going price.

Members of the Shadow Wood Scholarship Committee worked closely with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to administer the program, which recognized each of these four deserving students with a \$5,000 scholarship for the academic year beginning in the fall of 2018:

- Christa Brooks, a student at Florida Southwestern State and daughter of Daniel Brooks, Shadow Wood’s South Course Superintendent.
- Samantha Crisanti, a student at the University of Florida and daughter of Richard Crisanti, Shadow Wood’s Executive Chef.
- Olivia Hartline, a senior at the University of Central Florida and stepdaughter of Rob Vinal, Shadow Wood’s Tennis Instructor.
- Morgan Wells, a Junior at Florida Gulf Coast University and a Server in Shadow Wood’s Food & Beverage Department.

The Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation, Inc., founded in 2012, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is committed to supporting charitable programs of nonprofit organizations that serve residents in need in southwest Florida. The core of its mission is neighbors helping neighbors. The Foundation continues to flourish each year as more charities are supported and more money is raised through its philanthropic efforts. For more information on the foundation, visit their website www.shadowwoodcharitablefoundation.com.

A private, member-owned, financially sound club located in Bonita Springs near the intersection of U.S. 41 and Coconut Road, Shadow Wood Country Club includes three distinctly different championship golf courses, including Bob Cupp-designed & Rees Jones renovated Shadow Wood North and South, and the Arthur Hills-designed course at Shadow Wood Preserve. Members also enjoy a nine-court tennis complex, two bocce courts, a 30,000-square-foot main clubhouse, and a 16,000-square-foot clubhouse at Shadow Wood Preserve.

Shadow Wood Country Club is currently offering a limited number of memberships. For additional information, call 239-992-6000 or visit www.shadowwoodcc.com.

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